

It is time the Congress stopped being blamed for everything.

If the American people understood where we stand on my bill, that the President got the full sum he asked for, there is a difference in priorities—I ask unanimous consent for 2 more minutes, Mr. President.

Mr. DORGAN. Reserving the right to object—and I shall not object—I would like to observe, I have yielded to requests on that side and I hope the Senator will yield at the end of his time.

Mr. SPECTER. I will be glad to yield at the end of my time, limited as it is.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SPECTER. If the American people knew we met the President's figure of \$106.2 billion but we think the National Institutes of Health ought to have a priority—we have raised them \$1.7 billion more than the President, we have given more money to special education—I think if the American people knew that, they would say those are more important priorities.

If the American people knew that we want to retain local control so school boards can spend the money the way they see fit on the local level if they do not think the President's priorities are preferable, that they prefer local control to a Washington, DC, bureaucratic straitjacket, then we could have that decision.

But this Senator is not at all concerned about 1-day continuing resolutions. I am prepared to stay here a lot longer than is the President.

I yield for a question.

Mr. DORGAN. I thank the Senator for yielding for a brief question. If the Senator's contention is there was enough money in the budget this spring for domestic discretionary, why, then, are people on his side discussing the need to increase the budget caps, the spending caps?

Mr. STEVENS. If I may answer that, with regard to the bill on which we are about ready to vote, I, as chairman, delegated some of the 302(b) allowance to Health and Human Services to VA-HUD and to the other bill, energy and water. It is because of the limits that were set in the 1997 act, not just the budget resolution. We have not lifted them to the point to have enough money to pass this bill.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, might I ask if everybody will yield back the time so we can get on with the votes?

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I make a point of order a quorum is not present.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, there are other pressing matters. It is an interesting discussion that might go on after the vote.

Mr. DOMENICI. Regular order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Time has expired.

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding now we are going to vote on VA-HUD. After that, because of one of the senior Members, and others, we

are going to have to wait until the papers get here before we vote on the CR. I understand they should be here momentarily. I am sure by the time the vote is closed they will be here, so I hope we can go to the vote now on VA-HUD.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry: Isn't there an order to vote back to back on these bills?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is an understanding that will occur. That will be the case.

Mr. STEVENS. Is it the order, the unanimous consent agreement?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Time has expired on both measures, and votes will occur on both measures back to back.

Mr. STEVENS. Let's run the first one here.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON H.R. 4635 CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, have the yeas and nays been ordered on the VA-HUD conference report?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. They have not.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the conference report. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 85, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 278 Leg.]

YEAS—85

Abraham	Brownback	Craig
Akaka	Bryan	Crapo
Ashcroft	Bunning	Daschle
Baucus	Burns	DeWine
Bayh	Byrd	Dodd
Bennett	Campbell	Domenici
Biden	Chafee, L.	Dorgan
Bingaman	Cleland	Durbin
Bond	Cochran	Edwards
Boxer	Collins	Enzi
Breaux	Conrad	Fitzgerald

Frist	Lincoln	Sarbanes
Gorton	Lott	Schumer
Gregg	Lugar	Sessions
Hagel	Mack	Shelby
Harkin	McConnell	Smith (NH)
Hatch	Mikulski	Smith (OR)
Hollings	Miller	Snowe
Hutchinson	Moynihan	Specter
Hutchison	Murkowski	Stevens
Jeffords	Murray	Thomas
Johnson	Nickles	Thompson
Kennedy	Reed	Thurmond
Kerrey	Reid	Torricelli
Kohl	Robb	Warner
Landrieu	Roberts	Wellstone
Lautenberg	Rockefeller	Wyden
Leahy	Roth	
Levin	Santorum	

NAYS—8

Allard	Gramm	Kyl
Feingold	Grassley	Voinovich
Graham	Inhofe	

NOT VOTING—7

Feinstein	Inouye	McCain
Grams	Kerry	
Helms	Lieberman	

The conference report was agreed to.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank the chairman of the committee and the ranking member, Senator MIKULSKI, for the work they have done on this bill. It has been a long process, and they both have done excellent work. We appreciate their leadership.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 2415 CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the conference report containing the bankruptcy bill, H.R. 2415, and the conference report be considered as having been read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WELLSTONE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION TO PROCEED TO S. 2557

Mr. LOTT. I now withdraw my motion to proceed to S. 2557 regarding America's dependency on foreign oil.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 2000—CONFERENCE REPORT

MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to proceed to the conference report containing the bankruptcy reform bill, H.R. 2415, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion. The clerk will call the roll.